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TOVE
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Legislation Compensates

Workmen's Dependents

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT,
WHICH BECOMES OPERATIVE
JAN. 1ST, 1909, NOT ONLY PRO-
VIDES FOR COMPENSATING WORK-
MEN FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED
AT WORK, BUT ENSURES CON-
SIDERATION OF DEPENDENTS IN
CASE ACCIDENT IS FATAL.

The Workmen's Compensation
Act comes into force with the new
year. The act applies to men en-
gaged in or about any railway, fac-
tory, mine, quarry or engineering
work, or upon any building more
than forty feet in height in whose
construction scaffolding or mechani-
cal power is used. It does not apply
to men at other than manual labor
whose salaries exceed \$1,200 per
year, nor to casual employees, nor to
those doing "piece-work" on premises
under the control of the employ-
ers.

To every such employee the act
provides that in the event of injury
arising in the course of and out of
his employment the employer shall
be liable to pay compensation if the
time lost be more than two weeks.
If death result his dependents are
entitled to a sum in compensation pro-
portioned to his earning power at
the employment in which he was
injured. If he leaves no dependents
a sum is stipulated to cover medical
and burial expenses.

A WEEKLY ALLOWANCE.
In the event of injury the work-
man is entitled after the second week
to an allowance weekly equal to one-
half his former earnings, provided
that this allowance shall not exceed
\$5 per week. In the event of death
his dependents are to receive a sum
equal to his wages for three years
preceding if engaged with the same
employer, or \$1,000, whichever sum
be the largest. If not so employed
the sum is to be 156 times his aver-
age earnings while in such employ-
ment.

As protection to an injured work-
man it is provided that his compen-
sation money shall be neither capable
of being assigned, charged or at-
tached, nor shall any claim be set
against it.

CANNOT BREAK ACT BY CONTRACT.
The employer cannot contract out of
the obligations of the act, except
upon a scheme of compensation cer-
tified to by the attorney-general to
be as beneficial to the workman as
the provisions of the act, and which
enables the workman to withdraw
from the provisions if he so desires,
and which does not make it a con-
dition of his employment that he
accept the scheme. This allows
concerns already having compensa-
tion schemes of their own to con-
tinue them by making them as fair
to the workman as the act.

To get compensation notice must
be served on the employer informing
him of the accident and demanding
compensation. The formal claim for
compensation must be made within
six months of the accident, or, in the
case of death resulting, within six
months of the death. The employer
is entitled to have independent
medical examination of the injured
workman if he so desires.

NEGLECT DOES NOT
INVALIDATE.

If the accident is caused even
partly through the negligence of the
victim this does not invalidate his
right to allowance nor his depen-
dents' claim to compensation if death

Lake Winnipeg Caviar

Interesting Christmas Souvenir
Sent Abroad by the Winnipeg
Free Press to Advise West-
ern Canada

Not many people are aware that
the annual export of caviar from
Lake Winnipeg to Hamburg, which
is the chief caviar market of the
world, is of the value of from \$10,000
to \$15,000. Fewer still are aware
that much of the Lake Winnipeg
caviar comes back to this side of the
Atlantic in one pound, half pound,
and quarter pound jars and tins,
labelled as the Russian article. By
gourmands, the world over caviar is
greatly relished as an appetizer.
King Edward is particularly fond of
caviar sandwiches at luncheon.

A handsome little enameled tin
of caviar from Lake Winnipeg was
sent out by the Winnipeg Free Press,
in pursuance of its annual custom
of marking the Christmas season by
the distribution of a western Cana-
dian souvenir to the newspapers of
Canada, the United States and Great
Britain. This makes the eighth of
these annual souvenirs, the one for
Christmas, 1907, having been a
miniature barrel of flour made at the
Hudson's Bay company's mill at Ver-
million, 1,422 miles north-west of
Winnipeg, from wheat grown in the
Peace River country. In Christmas,
1908, souvenir is accompanied, like
its predecessors, by an artistic book-
let, with numerous illustrations, the
cover design being the reproduction
of a water color picture of a Lake
Winnipeg scene. In addition to
much interesting and valuable infor-
mation about western Canada, it
contains some curious facts about
caviar, and the Czar legend of the
sturgeon, given in print for the first
time.

Caviar is the roe of the sturgeon
prepared as a table delicacy. Shake-
speare makes Hamlet speak of it as
a dish too rare to be known by the
generality of people, and the flavor
of which could not be relished by an
uneducated palate. No finer sturgeon
are caught anywhere in the world
than in Lake Winnipeg. It is not
generally known, by the way, that
Lake Winnipeg has a total area of
about 9,000 square miles, and that
its total coast line is longer than
that of any of the great lakes, except
Lake Superior. There is not on this
continent, contained wholly within
the boundaries of any one province
or state, a body of water at all ap-
proaching it in magnitude. Last
year's catch of fish on Lake Winnipeg
amounted to 8,000,000 pounds, mak-
ing at an average value of 5 cents per
pound, a total value of \$400,000.
Western Canada thus yields other
harvests than those that are reaped
from its fertile soil.

We want land men and
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holdings at close figures and easy
terms near railroad. Lethbridge or
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apolis, Minn. 34-44 39d

ous. If the accident is proved to
have been entirely due to his willful
misconduct he cannot claim an
allowance if injured, but his family
are not deprived of their right to
compensation if he dies.

A Valuable Report

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE CANADIAN
RECORD OF PERFORMANCE FOR
PURE-BRED DAIRY CATTLE HAS
BEEN ISSUED BY THE LIVE
STOCK BRANCH, OTTAWA.

This report contains a brief his-
tory of the record of performance
work which was undertaken about
three years ago for the purpose of
securing official records of pure-bred
cows for full milking periods. The
work is carried on according to rules
and regulations laid down by the
Minister of Agriculture and agreed
to by the several Record Associations
interested.

The report gives the rules and
regulations, quantities of milk and
fat for registration as set by the dif-
ferent Record Associations, and
copies of the several forms used. It
also contains the records of all ani-
mals that had qualified for official
registration up to July, 1908. This
recorded list includes 42 cows and
heifers of the Ayrshire, French-
Canadian and Holstein-Friesian
breeds.

This report will be of great service
to progressive dairy farmers who are
desirous of securing reliable infor-
mation as to where sires from regular
breeding and high producing ances-
tors may be secured.

A large issue of the report has
been printed and will be sent to those
who apply for it to J. G. Rutherford,
Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa.

Church Services

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints—Sunday school at 10 a.m.
every Sunday. Sacrament meet-
ing at 2 p.m. Sunday evening ser-
vice at 8 p.m.—Young Ladies'
Mutual Improvement Association,
every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Primary
Association every Saturday at 3 p.m.

St. Theodore Church.—Morning
Prayer, 11 a.m.; Sunday School,
3 p.m.; Evening Prayer, 7.30 p.m.;
Holy Communion, 11 a.m. first Sun-
in each month and 8.30 a.m. on
third Sunday in the month.

Knox Church—Morning service at
11 a.m., followed by Sunday School
and Bible Class. Evening service,
7.30. Wednesday Congregational
Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Come and See

US AND
What We
Are Doing

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This Month

A. Potter & Co

Tailors, Clothiers and Outfitters
TO MEN WHO KNOW

BEGINNING MONDAY, Dec. 28,

—WE WILL SELL—
**ABSOLUTELY
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The Alberta Drug & Stationery Co.

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NOTICE
ON and AFTER SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1909, THIS BANK will
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SATURDAYS AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON.

E. C. Moe,
MANAGER,
Taber Branch

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Thanking our many friends for their liberal
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horse. Special attention given to
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tractors are prepared to furnish plans
and specifications for buildings of all
kinds and sizes. Address them at
the Taber Hotel.

McKellar & Wildman
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THE THOUGHTLESS WOMAN



At a Dangerous Angle

THERE is a story told of a careless woman who carried her umbrella at an angle which was a menace to all passers-by. It was repeatedly predicted by her enemies that she would surely injure some one severely, she was often entreated by her friends to adopt a safer way to carry it. But she obstinately refused.

One day she was ascending the steps of the New York elevated with her umbrella straight out behind her, and a little boy, a really young kiddie, was laboring up the steps in her wake. Suddenly the young woman, reminded

of some forgotten errand, stopped short. The youngster behind, still climbing, of course, never saw his danger, and so his eye was impaled upon the point of her umbrella. History does not reveal what was done in the case, nor does it even say how the incident affected the selfish girl. But the story as far as it goes is enough. No one has a right to walk on the street utterly oblivious of others, and those who do so should be shamed by all.

It is surprising how thoughtless some

women are! One type will carry a dozen parcels and take the valuable time of any passing man—who has the manners—pick up the fallen trophies of the bargain counter. Furthermore, she often accepts his service without a word of thanks. If a woman has but a few precious moments in which to get her lunch, would she like to spend them in caring for the unreasonable wants of a man? All the parcels may be hung on one string, and then they would be no trouble to any one.

There is also the woman who demands the right of way so she may carry a hatbox safely. Allowing her at her approach, and many are the scorching looks she gives the inattentive few who fail to comply with her desire for a monopoly of the walk. She will carry the enormous thing into trolley cars and other public conveyances. She has even been known to place it upon the seat beside her, allowing a tired mother to stand with a baby in her arms.

Again, there is the woman who goes around with trailing skirt, yet who flies into a temper if an unfortunate and preoccupied man touches the hem of the garment with his shoe. Does she stop to consider that perhaps, the contemptible is her fault?

How easy it is to take some thought for others, to be kind rather than to tread roughshod over the feelings even of strangers. Surely, it is a small thing to add as much as possible to the comfort of an unfortunate child in a crowded conveyance. It is no personal sacrifice to carry an umbrella so others are safe upon the streets. It is wiser far to arrange parcels and packages so you may care for them yourself.

It is just as easy, and it would add so much to the peace of the world in general if such comparative detentions were taken into consideration. When next you are on a crowded street look around you and notice how the women walk and what they do. Are they attractive? Do they seem to you to be thoughtful? If each one did a little, would not the way through life be less beset with annoyances?



Demanding the Right of Way

An Unavoidable Consequence



Making Trouble for Others

Advice on Social Problems.

Mrs. Chester Adams
most cordially invites her friends
to bring to her their Social
Problems and Difficulties
by letter at any time

Trolley Car Etiquette

EVERY ONE knows the story of the man who arose, as a very stout woman entered the car, and said: "I will be one of a committee of three to give this lady a seat." It is a good story and, while it is not exactly relevant to the question under discussion, it shows that there are still a few polite men in the world. Perhaps, though, the man who made such a remark had not exactly what is called "polish."

The giving and taking of a seat is one of the most important points in trolley car etiquette. We are all familiar with the man who seems too much interested in his paper to look up, particularly when a woman is standing. Such a thing happened once when the man was engaged to be married to a girl who entered the car. She saw him, of course, and stood in front of him, relying upon his "perfect breeding." But the man merely saw that there was a woman, who evidently expected him to offer her his seat, so he became more than ever interested in the news of the day, while his fiancée stood. Finally he reached his destination, and, looking up, to find a very haughty dame, who would listen to no explanation of such rudeness, then afterward his engagement was broken.

ORDINARY POLITENESS

A man should always offer his seat to any woman, be she young or old, rich or poor. A gentleman knows only that she is a woman and takes no other question into consideration.

A woman, on the other hand, should thank him for the sacrifice, although many forget to do so. She who seats herself without a word of gratitude is guilty of just as much rudeness as the man who fails to offer his seat. Older people may always remain in their places, and a woman need never rise, unless it be to offer her seat to a very old person or another woman carrying

a baby. Giving a seat to those who are practically unable to stand is not a matter of etiquette, but of humanity. There is another story of a very old man who rose seemingly to give a young girl his seat. She protested, and literally pushed him back. Three times the operation was repeated, until at last he exclaimed in exasperation: "There, you have made me ride three squares past my street!" The moral of that tale is the same as the one in the old story of the gift horse.

When a man offers a seat to a woman he always raises his hat, though at other times it remains upon his head. A public conveyance is not like a room; therefore it is unnecessary for a man to remove his hat, even though he is accompanied by a woman.

A woman, if she is with a man, always allows him to pay her fare, unless he be her servant. In that case she pays her own and his. Never lay a muff, a pocketbook or any package on the seat beside you. It is very unwise, though not every one has the painful experience of the woman who left her new chinchilla muff in her place while she went to the door of the car to ask the conductor some question. When she returned she found the woman who had been seated beside her calmly warming her hands.

Refrain from talking of private affairs and quarreling in the street cars. Other opportunities will present themselves, and the other passengers have a right to peace and quiet. Speak in a low tone of voice and do not be conspicuous. Even among strangers you may behave as though you were in your own drawing room.

PERPLEXITIES SOLVED

Very Improper

EVERY one paper prints so much about women kissing on the street, is it really considered improper? Yes; any affectionate demonstration should be very discreet. It is ridiculous for a woman to meet a friend on the street and fondly embrace, although, of course, in a railroad station an affectionate goodbye is quite permissible. Two women embracing are very conspicuous, and my advice is to always be as inconspicuous as possible.

When Mentioning Your Husband

When speaking of my husband, should I call him Mr. Jones or should I call him my husband? I do not actually like to hear a woman speak always of her husband.

The question you ask me really requires a rather lengthy answer, for circumstances and conditions would vary much after the case. I am

making this point a subject of talk on November 5, and I think you will find your question answered satisfactorily then. Should there, however, be anything further that you wish to know, always write and ask me.

Difficulties of Eating

Is it proper to use a knife and fork to eat lettuce? I find it almost impossible to get lettuce on the fork. I find it impossible to get the lettuce on your fork it is perfectly proper to cut it with the side of the fork. An expert, however, can arrange it so that it is easily taken in one mouthful.

The Women Enter First

When waiting to get into a street car, should the men stand aside to allow the women to enter first?

Red Noses

OLD Father Winter is almost with us, and with him will come cold days when noses will look red and unattractive. A cure for this trouble is very necessary, and, as it is merely a question of circulation, it is very easily remedied. The nose and the surrounding part of the face should be gently rubbed night and morning with the tips of the fingers. This will stimulate the glands and promote the healthy action of the skin.

In fact, the massage of the whole face night and morning will keep the little blood vessels all acting so nicely that the complexion will soon become visibly better. The massage does not take very long, and it is well worth trying.

Cucumber Cream

CUCUMBER cream is a very popular and very pleasant cream and should take a prominent place on lady's dressing table.

To make it, cut in small pieces one pound of cucumbers and remove the seeds. Add an equal amount of the pulp of a melon cut in the same way, a pound of pure lard and a half pint of milk. Heat in a double boiler for ten hours without allowing it to boil. Strain the mixture through a cloth over a sieve, allowing it to drip and congeal. Wash the pomatum until the water is colorless, put in jars and seal.

Scant Eyebrows

FOR those who have scant or brown pure alcohol is said to be a good stimulant. Take a little on the end of the finger and massage it into the skin. Surely such a cure is very easy, and a more simple tonic could not be found.

Of course, one must take care that none of the alcohol touches the eyes, for such an accident might prove very painful, but with ordinary watchfulness there will be no danger of such a catastrophe.

Little Things Worth Knowing

A GLASS of hot water before breakfast is a cleanser and tonic for the entire system. For an oily, greasy skin, squeeze half a lemon into the water; drink without adding sugar.

Olives oil, taken internally, is excellent for biliousness, and will do much to improve a yellow, pimply skin. Commence by taking a spoonful before breakfast and one at bedtime.

For the hairy appearance under the eyes, rub gently with the tips of the fingers dipped in alcohol. Afterward massage in the same way with cold cream.

When shampooing: never rub the soap directly on the hair, as it gums and is almost impossible to rub or rinse off. Always have the soap in some liquid form.

For a soft, painful corn, try the old-fashioned remedy of binding it tightly in common baking soda, moistened with a little water. The most stubborn and painful corns will disappear after three weeks of this treatment.

Bushy, irregular eyebrows should be brushed lightly with a camel's-hair brush dipped in olive oil. The same treatment is good for stiff and harsh eyebrows, and is said to make them grow.

In massaging wrinkles use the tips of the fingers and thumb, always working across the line; never follow the lines of the creases.

Hot water, if taken a cupful on rising and another when going to bed, will help to reduce the weight of a stout person. Cold water, unless taken with meals, will not increase flesh, but has a tendency to harden and make it firmer.

A pallid skin indicates an anemic condition of the blood, the lack of the red corpuscles; a good iron tonic is a necessity to improve such a complexion.

To get the full value of cold cream it must be put on the skin as it absorbs it. It takes time for the skin to absorb it.

We none of us eat as much fruit as we should, and if grapes and apples were always substituted for heavy puddings and pies, most of the beauty culturists would have to retire from business. While drinking these juices, of course, so much water could not and need not be taken.

Bird Must Be Fed

A LITTLE chap from the country was shown a cuckoo clock for the first time. He sat there looking at it with amazement when he saw the bird fly out and chirp. "What is that bird?" he asked. "It is a cuckoo," he was told. "Well, it is awfully nice," responded the boy, "but I think it would be a whole lot of better. You have not seen a real cuckoo clock, but you've got to feed the bird."

The Value of Raw Apples

MANY persons fancy that raw apples are indigestible, and may be endured in the early morning. Doubtless the old adage, that fruit is gold in the morning, silver in the middle of the day and lead at night, is to some extent answerable for this to my way of thinking erroneous impression. Dietitians tell us that ripe, raw apples contain more phosphates in proportion to their bulk than any other article of food, fish not excepted. A recent writer on this point boldly declares that in this lies the secret of beautiful longevity. They correct biliousness and act as a sedative upon the racked nerves and allow resound.

"Eat uncooked apples constantly, although, of course, in moderation, and drink distilled water only, and years will be added to your life, while the evidences of age will be long in coming." This argument is based on the supposition that, as age advances, the deposits of mineral matter in the system increase, and that aging is little more than a gradual process of ossification. Phosphoric acid contains the least amount of earth salts, and, for that reason, is probably the nearest approach to thelixir of life known to the scientific world.

If you want to live long, to retain your youth at the same time and to increase your brain tissue, eat plenty of apples, drink only distilled water and eat as little bread as possible.

Raw apples are far more wholesome than sweet, and, like potatoes, should be fully ripe when eaten.

Peas in the Pod

LAST season of the snow-laden green peas need not be regarded with horror by the cook. No more need she stay out for hours and hours on the porch shelling them in endless numbers, while the rest of the dinner waits until it is almost too late to complete it for that day. No more need mother stay hunched over the dinner table, while the peas are being prepared for lunch or dinner.

All that is necessary is to throw them, pods and all, into the pot. Cook them the usual length of time. When they are done, the peas may be found at the bottom of the pot. The pods will make it in the time it requires to cook the peas. No more need mother stay hunched over the dinner table, while the peas are being prepared for lunch or dinner.

We have just received large shipments of the following goods:

High-class PICTURES from \$1.00 to \$9.00. MIRRORS, stained ash, 20s, 25s and 35s; polished ash, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. Perfumed Chair Seats, 15 and 20c, each. BISSETTS' CARPET SWEEPERS at fixed retail prices, \$3.25, \$3.75, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.75. LINO SHINE to make your old linoleum look new. A pink tin, 35c; blue tin, 60c; etc. 1 quart tin, \$1.00. Brushes, 20c; etc. each. TAPESTRY & CHIMNILEY CURTAINS, \$3.00 up. TAPESTRY & CHIMNILEY TAPES, \$2.00 up. TAPESTRY CUSHION TOPS, 40c; etc. up.

THE TABER FURNITURE CO.



The Local Improvement Act, Village Act and School Assessment Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Local Improvement Act, Village Act and School Assessment Ordinance, the following Village, viz., the Village of Stirling and the Village of Staveland, and of Section 19 of the School Assessment Ordinance in respect of the following School Districts, viz., School District Nos. 438, 510, 550, 675, 694, 825, 1156, 1279, 1661 and 1683.

Dated at Edmonton this 10th day of November, 1908.

JOHN STOCKS,
40-51 DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.



Mail Contract

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received until noon on Friday the 13th January, 1909, for the contract of carrying the mail between the Post Office at Calgary and the Post Office at Edmonton, via the route of the Canadian Northern Railway, for a period of four years, beginning from the 1st day of January, 1909.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office at Calgary and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

D. A. BRUCE,
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Calgary, Dec. 4th, 1908.



Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations

ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, may homestead a quarter section of available land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency, or at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of the homesteader.

Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of the three years. A homesteader may live within one mile of his homestead in a farm of at least 10 acres, wholly owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may prevent a capital section, absolute homestead. Price \$100 per acre. Duties: Must reside six months in each of the three years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to carry homestead entry and cultivate the acres).

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right cannot obtain a second homestead. Price \$100 per acre. Duties: Must reside six months in each of the three years, cultivate six acres and erect a house worth \$500.00.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1908

THE CASH SYSTEM

A little over a year ago the business men of Taber made an agreement among themselves to start and do business on a strictly cash basis. For a time the new system pinched some pretty hard. It was simply a matter of stopping extravagant purchases and buying only what was needed. Time wore on and gradually the pay-as-you-go plan has become appreciated, and to-day we believe the public generally would not care to go back to the old credit system. Had the credit system been in vogue for the past year it is doubtful if a business firm in the town could have stood the strain. As it is the merchants are better off and the people are a long way better off. The cash system is a fixture in Taber.

Notes and Comments

What a lot of fun the boys are missing these holidays! It is too bad there is not enough snow to make a snowball.

Lethbridge Herald.—Canada's railway mileage increased 1,300 miles this year. Here in southern Alberta we won't object if the increase next year is a thousand miles in our own territory. We can stand it!

The Taber Board of Health needs to be wide awake these days. Smallpox is almost epidemic in many sections of Canada and the United States. Strict care should be exercised to prevent the disease entering the homes in Taber.

Peculiarities of signs are a source of never-ending delight. One man reached his office grinning, the other morning, because on his way down town he had seen three signs that read as follows: "Teddy Bears Retained," "Baby Carriages Retained" and "Umbrellas Recovered."

It cost the United States War Department \$94,418.90 for artificial legs and arms supplied to soldiers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, but according to the report of the secretary for war it is estimated that \$410,000 will be required for this purpose in 1909. The report does not specify why a few times as many arms and legs will be needed a year hence, nor why the appropriation for 1910 should be only \$132,000, or about one-third of the estimate for 1909.

The year 1908 will long be remembered as a year of financial stringency throughout the world. While here in Taber financial matters have been somewhat close, yet we have much to be thankful for. The town as a whole has gradually gone ahead, even in the face of hard times, and now that we are entering upon a new year with the financial stringency broken we can look forward to see Taber grow as few towns have grown. The future is bright for Taber.

Police Court

William Donay had Isaac C. Foubert up for non-payment of wages. Case was dismissed owing to claim not being put in within time limit of three months.

John Hackett of Grassy Lake appeared before Inspector Howard and S. J. Layton, J.P., Tuesday on a charge of theft of windlass from N. R. Wilson at Grassy Lake. Judgment was given for defendant. To get the proof of ownership the case will have to be taken before a civil court.

The Helpfulness of Sorrow

Things are not what they seem—and often for a good purpose. Let anyone be in the most happy circumstances, there will sure to be something to pain the heart.

Paul was a great apostle, but he had a thorn in the flesh.

David was a powerful sovereign, but his house was not right with God.

We often look to new relationship, and fancy they will be a beautiful garden, but find a grave therein. Then is some cloud on every landscape, some mildew on every flower. But these are all for a good and wise purpose.

Many circumstances and occurrences are not appreciated because we cannot see the reason for them. That, once ascertained, we shall find that what we have regarded as hardships are really beneficial.

If we will only remember that trials, however hard, are needful, we shall be able to bear them better. Considering the good that often comes as the result of much affliction and great suffering, we really ought to be thankful when we are full of discontent.

But, unhappily, discontent under great troubles is very human. Trials are hard to bear.

To see the money for which we worked long and hard take to itself wings and fly away; to have to stand and serve when we have been accustomed to rule; to see the fairest flowers in our garden wither, and the brightest light in our household brought so low as to become but a mere flicker—these are trials indeed.

These things are not joyous, but painful, just as winter is not the pleasant season that summer brings with her merry songs and her sunny days, and abundant wealth of foliage and flowers, and just as bitter medicines are not as agreeable as dainty food. But, then, they are necessary.

Winter is needed in nature, and medicines are needed for the body; even afflictions are also needed for the soul. The analogy may be extended. The sharp frosts and keen biting winds of winter kill the weeds and break up the soil, and thus prepare it for the spring rains and the summer suns.

Afflictions, when sanctified by God, wean us from too close attachment to earth and prepare us for heaven. We should try to remember this always.

Seed Fairs

- Jan. 14, Irvine
- 14, Three Hills
- 15, Taber
- 16, Lethbridge
- 16, Three Hill Valley
- 18, Raymond
- 19 & 20, Magrath
- 20, Alix
- 21, Lacombe
- 21, Cardston
- 23, Red Deer
- 23, Macleod
- 25, Sedgewick
- 26, Glendon
- 26, Daysland
- 27, Didsbury
- 28, Fort Saskatchewan
- 28, Olds
- 29, Vegreville
- 30, Vermillion
- 29 & 30, Innisfail

The air is a cordial of incredible value. It is the close confinement indoors that kills, for human beings were not made to live constantly within walls. Energy and force of character, strong muscles, and steady nerves come from the stimulus of outdoor exercise and physical contact with the earth. Luxurious homes and habits of indolence are responsible to no inconsiderable degree for the ill health of civilised communities. Eat out of doors, rest out of doors if possible, work out of doors, and consider it a high privilege to get out of doors. Breathe pure and fresh air, and get all you can of it, for it is food as essential as bread and other articles of daily necessity.

Wife Robs Husband

But He Gets Even—Big Black Bear in the Game

Hardy, Ark., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Maud Popoon, wife of Henry Popoon, a farmer of Blue Clay creek, got up the other morning and proceeded to search her husband's trousers, as was her usual custom, but instead of finding the customary collection of small change she grasped a giant bullet.

Her wild shrieks woke her husband who leaped from his bed, intending to tell her it was all a joke, but she had already rushed out of the door and into the adjoining woods, still screaming. Popoon pursued her and had not their wild flight been suddenly halted by a big black bear rushing furiously at them from the opposite direction. The Popoons whirled instantly and rushed for their dwelling, the bear after them and gaining. Just as they neared the clearing they noticed their house was on fire, probably due to the overturning of a kerosene lamp in their hasty exit.

To escape the bear they both jumped into a well, from which, almost dead, they were rescued after neighbours shot the bear. The dwelling was burned to ashes.

Siamese Magnificence

The apartments of Pongai, wife of King Chulalongkorn, are a mixture of European comfort and barbaric richness, the walls of the bed-chamber being literally ablaze with precious stones. No European Queen is as rich in jewels as the two Queens of Siam, and in one corner of the apartments of Queen Pongai there is a huge safe, the handwork of a London firm, in which reposes all the concentrated wealth of Far Cathay, comprising a marvellous collection of diamonds, rubies, pearls, and emeralds fashioned into quaint necklaces, priceless anklets, bracelets, and earrings. The second Queen owns a scarcely inferior collection while the possessions of both have been enriched in recent years by many of the most costly gems that have appeared on the European market.

One little article alone, a wedding gift, and intended to serve as a thimble, is in the shape of a lotus flower, and is valued at \$75,000. Each petal bears the interlaced initials, of his Majesty and Queen Pongai set in rubies and emeralds, while inscribed around the rim is the date of the marriage, the letters and numbering being decorated alternately with diamonds and pearls. Similarly the King boasts a magnificent array of personal jewellery; but the most important is a throne pure gold, encrusted with diamonds, pearls, and rubies. The state mantle is another costly bauble from the way in which it has been powdered with jewels. Undoubtedly this cloak is the most wonderful garment in the world, although the King of Siam's throne is not so valuable as that belonging to the Shah of Persia. His Majesty's collection of jewels is constantly increasing, for his private income is some \$10,000,000 a year, and the court jeweller is favoured with orders to the extent of some \$600,000 per annum.

Date of By-Election

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 29.—The writ was issued to-day for the Lethbridge by-election. Nominations take place on January the 19th. Richard V. Gibbons, Lethbridge, is the returning officer.

The Legislature is called to meet January the 14th.

It is likely that a general election will follow this session of Parliament.

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